Who Begat Who?

I am writing this Tuesday, after the 6:45 am Mass this morning, with the beginning of Matthew’s Gospel, his genealogy of Jesus, and after Tuesday morning Bible study. There we wrestled not just with the text of this Sunday’s readings, but with ways to study the Bible, biblical historical criticism, how adults learn, the rhythm of life, and bringing it all together in our life of faith. I wish you could have been there! While taking a break for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve, we resume January 7: join us if you can!

So the genealogy. It is the Gospel for the Vigil of Christmas, but most often the Gospel for the Mass of Christmas night is used instead. Proclaiming a long list of who was the father of whom to a packed Family Mass, filled with children expecting to hear about the baby in the manger, is a losing proposition. Yet a genealogy is how Matthew chose to begin telling us about Jesus, and there are essential faith insights packed into that list of names. Understand what Matthew was up to, and it can bring us closer to Jesus.

Point one: we all have a family history, a genealogy. Like it or not, it is part of who we are. We can be overly proud, or we can wish we had different relatives, but the truth is, we all came from parents who had parents who had parents. We still have to make our own way; but they are always part of who we are as well. To be ‘God and human’, Jesus had to share that aspect of our nature. We can always pray ‘Lord, you made peace with your history – help me make peace with mine.’ Matthew also makes it clear Jesus doesn’t just have a history, he is rooted in salvation history, with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, all as ancestors. He is in the line of David, the line of the covenant.

Matthew’s presentation of the genealogy is neat and orderly in one regard: fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen more from David to the Exile, fourteen from the Exile to the Christ. There is some order to God’s plan; Jesus came at just the right time. The ‘take home’? The application to our lives? When we personally come to encounter Jesus, and come to know him as our Lord and Savior, is just the right time too; God set things up, had a hand in ordering our history that leads to Christ coming to us.

But all isn’t so neat. Five mothers are included in Matthew’s list of fathers. For each, there was something suspect or unusual either about their marriage, or their having a child. Their stories each involved courage, and their courage was crucial to God’s plan unfolding. Matthew is setting us up to expect the unexpected, while pointing to women’s essential role in God’s saving plan. Bible study is so rich! Plunge in!

Christmas blessing to you and those you love, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - December 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
11:00 am Edward & Irene Shults - Mary
5:15 pm Michelle Collins - Virginia Tripp

TUESDAY - December 24
No Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY - December 25
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
9:00 am Rose & Michael Samone - Family
11:00 am Martha Serio - Family
12:30 pm James Krieg - Kathleen Anderson

THURSDAY - December 26
Stephen, the first martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
6:45 am Paul & Jack Decker - Mary Jane Decker
11:00 am Cindy Tichacek - Chris & Tom Davis

FRIDAY - December 27
John, Apostle & Evangelist
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
11:00 am Harold Barnes - Daughters
5:15 pm Joseph Haley - Janine Scopa

SATURDAY - December 28
Holy Innocents, martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
9:00 am Mildred Butler - Josephine Ambrette
4:30 pm Marion LePage Brown - Richard & Jeanette Crowley

SUNDAY - December 29
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-17/ Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
7:30 am Martha Serio - Family
9:00 am Ned Cunningham - Mr. & Mrs. John Ricco & Family
11:00 am Dr. Phil Bonanni - Mary & Frank Doherty
5:00 pm Ed Lada - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.

To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One Lamp will burn In Memory of Martha Serio By Husband, Son & Daughter.
One Lamp will burn In Memory of the Schmidt Family By Family.
One Lamp will burn In Memory of the Kirst Family By Family.

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Jessie Lacy

Saturday & Sunday, December 28 & 29  Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - December 29
The Highlands: Mary Ann Monley  Heather Heights: Jim Haefner
THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
MT. CARMEL HOUSE

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ST. ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD

St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard is located at 890 Portland Avenue in Rochester. Although St. Andrew’s Church has been closed, the food cupboard continues to diligently serve the population in this section of the city. It operates under the auspices of the St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Parish umbrella (which includes St. Michael’s Church, Our Lady of the Americas Church and Annunciation Church). St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard serves approximately 400 families each month. They are one of the three food cupboards that St. Louis collects for on a rotating basis, and our help is greatly appreciated since funding from other sources has decreased. The St. Andrew’s Cupboard is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Please pray for the hard working volunteers and clients of St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard. For more information, call Margaret Oberst at 254-3093.

Welcome Carlos!
You may see Carlos, our pastoral year seminarian from last year around the campus this Christmas. His home away from home, when not working hard at Catholic University, is here at St Louis. So he will be arriving December 13th, and returning to studies on January 12th.

Welcome Victor Manuel Sanchez Duran!
We will be blessed to have another pastoral year seminarian with us next semester. Victor Manuel Sanchez Duran is a seminarian from Medellin, Colombia, who will be moving into our rectory mid January. Like Carlos, he will be immersed in English classes Monday through Friday mornings at Nazareth, but engaged in pastoral work here at St. Louis some afternoons, evenings, and some on the weekends. He may begin helping out even before he moves in. Please welcome Victor warmly!

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”
Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard stocked.

As of Tuesday, December 13, we have received 516 pledges and contributions of $186,126.17 which is 83.28% of this year’s Catholic Ministry Appeal $223,500 goal! Thank you to all who have responded so far. If you have not yet responded, please place your pledge card in the collection basket or mail it to the Diocese. If you can increase your contribution, we’d be grateful.

For those who missed it, this year’s CMA video can be seen at www.dor.org. Just click on “Watch the Video”, on page one of the marquee.

A Warm Thank You
Our dear Friends,

We have heard it said - more often than once: “The people of St. Louis Parish are very generous.” And we replied: “Yes, we know that very well!” That warm experience was ours again this Thanksgiving and we want to express our deep gratitude for your generosity to us. Almost sincere “MAY GOD REWARD YOU!” from your Camellia Sisters.

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December 22, 2013
My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Over the last several years there has been much discussion about the “New Evangelization,” an initiative vigorously proclaimed by Blessed John Paul II and enthusiastically taken up by his successors, Pope Benedict XVI, our Holy Father Emeritus, and our present Pontiff, Pope Francis. Yet, for many, the “New Evangelization” is a popular theme but not very easily explained. The birth of Christ, which we joyfully celebrate on Christmas Day, December 25th, gives us the definition of the “New Evangelization.”

The birth of Jesus Christ, the Incarnation of the Son of God, took place on our behalf. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity came to dwell among us to teach us about His Father, to share with us the love of the Triune God, to forgive our sins, and to open for us the doors of eternal life and to establish the community of faith, the Church, of which He is its cornerstone. Since the time of the Incarnation and the earthly mission of Jesus Christ, these realities have not changed. What has changed is humanity’s lack of awareness of these marvelous acts of the Son of God. The “New Evangelization” is really a call to awaken in us a renewed appreciation for Jesus Christ present among us, continuing to live in our midst and alive in our hearts if we only open our hearts to receive Him.

The “New Evangelization” is not a program or another strategic plan; it is not another proposal; it is not something, but Someone, the very person of Jesus Christ: His life, His words, His presence, His union with us in the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. The “New Evangelization” is the Incarnation coming alive in our own age. The “New Evangelization” means accepting the Child born at Bethlehem and unreservedly following Him. The essence of the birth of Christ, the essence of the “New Evangelization,” is powerfully captured in the words of Benedict XVI: “From the moment of His birth, He belongs outside the realm of what is important and powerful in worldly terms. Yet it is this unimportant and powerless child that proves to be the truly powerful one, the one on whom ultimately everything depends. So one aspect of becoming a Christian is having to leave behind what everyone else thinks and wants, the prevailing standards, in order to enter the light of the truth of our being, and aided by that light to find the right path.” (Pope Benedict XVI, The Infancy Narratives, Jesus of Nazareth, 2012, p. 67).

The “New Evangelization” is not recreating a product, rather it is recreating ourselves in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. It means joining the shepherds and Magi at the crib and realizing there is the Savior of humanity, and in that recognition redefining who we are as God’s children, making a conscious effort to follow the Lord in all things.

Once again, the means for renewing ourselves in Christ are present and call for a rediscovery of them on our part. It is almost impossible to speak of renewal without speaking of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament that sadly is forgotten by many in the community of the faithful. Yet it is so very powerful in its effects as so beautifully taught by Blessed John Paul II in Reconciliation et paenitentia: “It must be recalled that… this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the others breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his

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inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.” (31, 5).

Once we have experienced the Lord’s mercy, we have placed ourselves in more intimate communion with the Lord culminating in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. One cannot understand or appreciate the One who is the “New Evangelization” without entering into the Mystery of the Paschal Lamb, Who forgives our sins and nourishes us with His very body and blood. The primary concern, the first concern of the “New Evangelization” should be welcoming back, encouraging and reaching out to our brothers and sisters who no longer attend Holy Mass. Without this emphasis upon the importance of participation at the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the “New Evangelization” is without a subject. In his first encyclical letter, Lumen Fidei, Pope Francis writes: “The Eucharist is a precious nourishment for faith: an encounter with Christ truly present in the supreme act of His love, the life-giving gift of Himself.” (44).

The “New Evangelization” is the wood of the crib at Bethlehem become the wood of the cross on Calvary. It is Christ upon the cross who speaks to us of the “New Evangelization.” In Him crucified we see the two great commandments lived fully: love God, love your neighbor. Do not these two great commandments unveil anew the meaning of the “New Evangelization”? “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.” (cf. Mt. 22:37-40). Many have forgotten the meaning and the power of the cross. “The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, ‘the one mediator between God and men’. But because in His incarnate divine person He has in some way united Himself to every person, ‘the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery’ is offered to all people. He calls His disciples to ‘take up (their) cross and follow (Him)’, for ‘Christ also suffered for (us), leaving (us) an example so that (we) should follow in His steps.’ In fact Jesus desires to associate with His redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of His mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of His redemptive suffering.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 618).

This, my brothers and sisters, is the message of the “New Evangelization”! The cross is not a mere symbol, only to be depicted on decorative jewelry or other ornamentation - the cross is real, Christ’s death is real, Christ’s resurrection is real and this is the reality of the “New Evangelization,” the message that needs to resurface and rise above the voices of secular society that either ignores God or denies His existence! The birth of Jesus Christ ushered in a new moment in humanity’s history, new in every age and in every circumstance because in its transcendence it breaks the limits and boundaries of all that is human and introduces humanity to eternity! “The human existence of the Son is the glory of the Father. In the crib and on the Cross, the glory of God is raised aloft in this world. And wherever men follow this God, a new humanity begins, and peace on earth begins, even if only in a fragmentary fashion.” (Benedict XVI, The Blessing of Christmas, 2007, pp. 108-109).

As we celebrate this great solemnity of the birth of Our Savior, let us embrace as a diocesan family the “New Evangelization,” for, in fact, we are embracing Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever! And may our faith in Him cause us to be mindful of those among us who suffer in any way; may we be instruments of joy and peace for them according to our particular gifts and talents. Let us also remember those in military service, away from family and friends, who defend our freedom. May they return home safely and may peace, the peace of Christ, the peace of that first Christmas, bless our world once again!

I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyous and peace-filled New Year!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop Designate of Rochester

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A New Chapter at Saint’s Place

Dear Friends,

After 15 years, birthing and growing Saint’s Place into a tremendous ministry, Colleen Knauf, the Executive Director of Saints Place has decided to retire, effective May 1, 2014.

Since founding Saint’s Place in her garage more than 15 years ago, Colleen has built this ministry into one of the most dynamic and unique organizations in the country. Through her tireless and selfless efforts, legal immigrants arriving in our area can count on a bed and basic household necessities once they arrive in Rochester.

Her positive, creative approach has resulted in a steady growth in both financial donations, and in furniture, clothing and household goods donations. Her strong business skills and outstanding communication skills have enabled her to grow this ministry from her garage, to one that encompasses 46 S. Main Street in Pittsford, several former classrooms at St. John of Rochester School in Fairport, a large warehouse in downtown Rochester, space at both the Greek Church of the Holy Spirit and St. Boniface Church, plus a truck, a van, and an annual budget of more than $250,000.

From assisting one family in 1998, Saint’s Place, partnering with Catholic Family Center, has expanded to now serving more than 750 arrivals a year. The volunteer base has grown to more than 200 people. Besides providing beds and household goods, Saint’s Place now has an extensive clothing closet which provides complete wardrobes for all newly arriving refugees. The tutoring program, which Colleen founded in 2001, teaches English and other life skills to both young and older students.

Colleen’s accomplishments in “Welcoming the Stranger Amongst Us” have been recognized by numerous organizations. Saint’s Place’s growth and uniqueness has led to numerous newspaper and magazine articles, TV interviews and requests for public speaking engagements. Colleen and Saint’s Place have received the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Altruistic Award, the Consistent Life Ethic Award, the St. Bonaventure “Gaudete” Medal, and the 2013 Catholic Family Center’s Honoree of the year.

Colleen’s huge heart, positive “can do” attitude and drive to live her faith is an inspiration to all who come in contact with her. She embodies the reality that Jesus calls for in the Beatitudes. We will miss her dearly, but we thank her for all that she has done to make Saint’s Place what it is today; and we wish her all the best in the next phase of her life.

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Bob

SO MANY HANDS, SUCH LIGHT WORK!

A heart-felt thank you to all those who assisted with the deliveries of poinsettias to our home-bound individuals and bereaved families. We have received such wonderful comments from those who had special visitors deliver these lovely plants! This is the first year we have done our delivery this way and it was a great success! Thank you so very much!

YOUR RESPONSE WAS OVERWHELMING!

Thank you to all who sent Christmas greetings to our parishioners who are home-bound or reside in local nursing facilities. Because of your wonderful response we had a hard time keeping the baskets full of addresses. Each year we get such lovely thank you notes from individuals who have received your cards. They feel so blessed and grateful to have been remembered. Many thanks!
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14
*He shall be called Emmanuel*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 1:1-7
*Descended from David, Son of God in power*

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24
*God is with us!*

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**What’s with Ahaz?**
A little reading of Isaiah, and you will discover that Ahaz telling the prophet he will not ask for a sign from God is anything but an act of deference or piety. The historical background is this. The Northern Kingdom (Ephraim) and Aram were together attacking Judah, Ahaz’ kingdom. As they besieged Jerusalem, Isaiah counseled the king to trust in God to deliver his people. But Ahaz had plans of his own. He had already decided on a strategy, and didn’t want any sign from God to interfere with his plans. For signs from God to have meaning, and accomplish their purpose, we have to be open to God’s will, not totally committed to our own plans and strategies. With a fondness for Isaiah, early Christians focused on prophecy of a child named Emmanuel, a sign that God is with us, and the rest is salvation history!

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**Hello Friends**
Believe it or not, today’s second reading is simply Paul’s greeting to the Romans. A profound greeting in a theologically dense letter! St. Paul’s other letters were to churches he had founded. This one is a letter of introduction, opening the door for Paul’s visit to Rome. Right in the greeting, Paul lays out the Gospel he preaches, so the recipients will understand that they and Paul share the same faith. We hear this passage today because it speaks of the mysterious union of human and divine in Jesus; descended from David according to the flesh (human), but Son of God in power (divine). (Hypostatic union, to be technical.)

The Missal Connection: ‘*By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*’ Back in the day, wine was almost always mixed with water, and so it was at Mass too. But as the prayers of the Mass developed, this prayer was added, inviting us to see the practical action of mixing water and wine as a reminder that in Christ, divinity (wine) and humanity (water) mingle. In the Incarnation, divinity was poured into humanity. Through our sharing in Eucharist, the divinity of Christ is poured into us.

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**Infancy Narratives**
Matthew and Luke each give us their unique tradition for the birth of Jesus. Echoes from the Old Testament shape both accounts. An angel appears. ‘*Do not be afraid*’ both angels counsel. Each brings a divine message, an invitation to accept a mission. Luke’s narrative focuses on Mary,

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**Looking Ahead:**

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**1st Reading:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
*Honoring father and mother*

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21
*Put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:12-15, 19-23
*Out of Egypt I have called my son*

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**Baby Blessing Mass**
As you heard recently, we have been blessed with many baptisms this year, welcoming beautiful little ones into the church, and the life of grace. On January 19th, we have a beautiful Gospel that speaks of baptism. We will have a special blessing for those recently baptized, and for their parents, at the 9AM Mass, followed by a reception.

Please, mark your calendars now!

**Ministry of Encouragement**
Sharing their joy, reflecting with parents about baptism, offering some ways they might start the newest member of their family in the life of faith – Baptismal Preparation is a wonderfully rewarding ministry! Sound like a ministry that might fit you? From the celebration of Christmas, we move quickly into the Feast of the Holy Family, the celebration of Mary, Mother of God, Epiphany, and then the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. What better time to review our Baptismal Preparation ministry, recruit some additional folks, and prepare for the next session? Qualifications? Do you love little ones, enjoy meeting new parents, believe a life of faith is a precious gift to share, want to become more actively involved in parish life? Any two of the above, and we are looking for you! Let’s have lunch in the parish meeting room after the 11AM Mass on January 5 and we can talk about it. Then our next preparation session will be Wednesday evening, January 15 at 7PM.
**All About Confirmation**

### Confirmation Update

Our Confirmation preparation program will begin shortly. So registered families can adequately prepare, here is a list of events in the program. **Please mark your calendars with these dates.** A detailed explanation of the events and requirements will be discussed at the kick-offs for parents and candidates in January. Starting the weekend of January 4 and 5, each registered family should pick up a packet of information on the counter in the Narthex of church.

**Parent Kick-off:** Wednesday, January 22nd, 7:00-8:30 pm Parish Meeting Hall

**Candidate Kick-off:** Saturday, January 25th, 3:00-4:20 pm Parish Meeting Hall

**Enrollment Blessing:** Saturday, January 25th 4:30 pm Mass following the candidate kick-off

**Small Group Meetings:** February – April (4 meetings TBD by groups)

**Parent Teachers Meeting:** Tuesday January 28th 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Room

**Activity Session:** Wednesday, February 5th 7:00-8:30 pm Parish Meeting Hall

**Liturgical Involvement:** Various Masses TBD by individual groups in February and March

**Activity Session:** Speaker Sr. Karlien Bach RSM Wednesday February 26th 7:00-8:30 pm Church

**Retreat:** Saturday March 8th OR Saturday March 22nd 2:00-4:00 pm, Parish Meeting Hall

**Interview and Review Session:** Tuesday April 22nd or Thursday April 24th 7:00-8:00 pm Parish Meeting Hall: Candidate groups will choose a date and attend together, Parish Meeting Hall

**Rite of Sending:** Sunday April 27th 5:00 p.m. Mass, St. Louis Church

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** Tuesday May 6th 7:00-8:00 pm St. Louis Church

**Confirmation Liturgy:** TBD, Sacred Heart Cathedral

If you have any questions please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org.

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### First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Registration

If you haven’t already done so, and you feel your child is ready to receive First Communion or Confirmation in 2014, please register your child/children **NOW** for these preparation programs. We need to prepare for the classes so your registration, **now**, is vital.

We offer these guidelines for the readiness of your children for these programs:

- **First Communion:** Second Grade or higher
- A desire to receive Communion.
- Ability to understand this is not just ordinary bread.

- **Confirmation:** Eighth Grade or higher
- Have participated in religious education.
- Families need to be registered members of St. Louis Parish.

The Confirmation program will begin at the end of January, details and information about the program will be available in December and First Communion will begin in March with details and information available in early February.

Please check the bulletin for the calendars of both programs so you can mark your home calendars before the program begins.

Both of these programs require your child’s **Baptismal Certificate** before their registration is complete (even if they were baptized at St. Louis Parish). You can register for these programs with a hard copy registration form found on the counter of the Narthex in church or at the Ministry Center. Hard copy registrations can include the baptismal certificate and payment. Or, if you register on-line, please send the baptismal certificate and payment as soon as possible to Sue Payne’s attention.

**Deadline for Confirmation registration is**

**Friday January 4th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Deadline for First Communion Registration is**

**Friday February 1st at 5:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org.
HI GANG,

I hope you are all well and enjoying life. We have some service projects coming up which are a great way to enter into the Thanksgiving and Advent Seasons. I hope you can join us and like always, bring a friend.

You can reach me at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com or call at 261-2266 with any questions.

Hope to see you soon, Mr. McBride

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS ~ PLEASE JOIN US!
Sunday, December 22, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.
Teen Mass and Youth Group Christmas Party.

HELPING ONE ANOTHER

While Christmas can be a time of joy for many, for the unemployed Christmas increases the stress that already is overwhelming. In an effort to assist those looking for employment, we will again be listing resumes of those looking for work. If you are unemployed and would like to add your resume to the list, please email (cwensel@dor.org), fax (387-9888) or send your resume to the Ministry Center, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford 14534, Attention: Cris Wensel. That information will then be given a number in place of your name, and information about your education history and employment interests will be listed periodically in upcoming bulletins.

If you have been on the previous lists, you must resubmit your resume to be included in these listings. If you or someone you know is looking to hire someone who matches one of these resumes, please contact Birdie at the Parish Ministry Center and we will supply you with the resume and contact information.

GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE!

The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference, The Heart of the Matter, is coming on March 1, 2014 to the Aquinas Institute in Rochester. This is a wonderful gift idea for your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt or best friend! She will appreciate the opportunity to celebrate Mass with our new Bishop and listen to great inspirational talks from Teresa Tomeo and other national Catholic speakers. An elegant lunch will be part of her gift too! Please contact Barbara Thomas at bthomas@dor.org or visit http://www.rochestercwc.org/ to register her online.

To our wonderful Parish and families, we give thanks for your gracious support and pray that we may continue to grow together in love each day. Wishing you each a joy filled Christmas and great happiness in the New Year.

God’s Blessings,
Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal
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